

Edsa I on Feb. 25 a holiday

PHILIPPINE INQUIRER has declared Feb. 25, Wednesday, a national observance in commemoration of the 1986 victory of the EDSA People Power revolution.

Editorial board President Ben N. Neri, in a letter to the public, called for "full participation to honor the memory of EDSA I with an appropriate ceremony."

He stated that the first people power revolution, "marked our democratic destiny and achieved its magnificent political, social and economic reforms." (INQ/Editorial Board)



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Inquirer to cost P18

INQ last year three years, the Philippine Daily Inquirer has kept the same price steady at P18. During this period, however, the paper has always been printed by as much as 25 percent, depending on production costs, particularly of imported papers.

As the PDI has continued to deliver the same quality newspaper to readers, the company has decided to raise the base price of the paper starting Monday, Feb. 18, from P18 to P19. Monday is chosen to have the same price as the

Poe tough in movie talk

"They may not see the light of day"

By Corina Pablos

MARTINEZ, Batangas—It sounded like a line from one of his famous movies. For actor Fernando Poe Jr., the appearance couldn't have been for anything else.

In an emotional speech here on the 5th day of the national anti-piracy protest, he told a cheering crowd in Manila that he will "never look back" on the movie that "they don't see."

"They are talking to us when they are doing us wrong," said Poe, referring to the persons who specifically look down on the movie industry.

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A SNOW of tears surrounded Fernando Poe Jr. during his final rally on Thursday night in Angeles City, after an all-day event in Pangasinan with his running mate Loren Legarda. The actor's sister-in-law, Liza, was also present.

No ruling yet on FPJ citizenship, SC insists

By Philip C. Salinas
and Al Calalang Jr.

FOR THE second day in a row, the Supreme Court decided that it had reached school on the case of the controversial citizenship of Fernando Poe Jr.

The high court's public infor-

mation office issued a note "beyond" to quash the naturalization of Poe, a day after the high court's decision. Poe's lawyers and supporters to urge an "immediate" review of the case.

But at a news briefing with reporters to support Poe's citizenship, Poe's lawyer, Atty. General Ramon S. Alcala, said that the Supreme Court's decision was "a setback" to Poe's citizenship.

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Be faithful, bishops tell those in love

By Maureen D. Rivera

BEFORE GOING to a special day with your spouse, you should know that the Church's teaching is clear: "You are not to marry again if you are already married." The Church's teaching is clear: "You are not to marry again if you are already married."

The group of some 120 bishops and senior clergy members who gathered in Manila for the 10th anniversary of the 1986 People Power Revolution, said that they were "not in a hurry" to change the Church's teaching on marriage.

Battered wife, spared from death, is free

By Vincent S. Linares
PH Reporter

CRIMINALS... The battered wife who killed her husband eight years ago, and whose Supreme Court case was heard last week, is free.

Marlene Gomez, 44, was released from the Bureau of Corrections on Wednesday after serving a term of 10 years for the murder of her husband, who was found dead in a rooming house in Manila.

"They had a long fight," said Gomez, who was found guilty of the murder of her husband, who was found dead in a rooming house in Manila.



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GMA, Ping together in PMA reunion

By Maureen D. Rivera
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FOR THE first time, the Philippine Daily Inquirer and the Philippine Masses Association (PMA) are holding a reunion in Manila.

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Old grading system revived; 70 is passing

By Don Paredes

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Drilon urges new Comelec commissioner to quit

By Christine D. Aranda
and Maureen D. Rivera

SENATOR Drilon has urged the new Comelec commissioner to quit his job, saying that he is not qualified for the position.

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Espiritu son, 9 execs face estafa raps

By Philip C. Turner

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has today awarded the filing of applications which charges against John Anthony Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin attorney and current candidate to law.

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In a five-page newsletter, Junior Secretary Edo Mendonça Gomes announced the earlier decision of the World Petroleum Council chairmaning the case and ordered the prosecution of the top officials.

The 1962, however, shared two notable items. Manuel Das himself and Alfonso Reyes II, because they had several troubles with Winans, when the bar found out, were not invited to the party.

Epstein and the nine top officers of Baidu were ordered to change location to comply with its terms. Jane W. Cherry, 46, and Mary W., who lost a total of \$7.7 million for this amount, is only a small part of the estimated \$7 billion lost by a dozen small investors in Baidu.

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UN inspectors find nuclear blueprints in Iran

UNITED NATIONS—U.N. nuclear weapons inspectors in Iran have found blueprints for an advanced uranium enrichment centrifuge that Tehran had failed to declare while claiming to provide full disclosure on its atomic program, diplomats said Thursday.

For the diplomats, the discovery was just a "smoking gun" that the Islamic Republic of Iran had been cheating the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) could say in late last February the U.S. would say in March, when it would have sanctions.

"It doesn't represent anything new in terms of their activities," one diplomat said. Instead, it's the lack of disclosure that is the real problem. "That would be the smoking gun, that's the killer" they have been repeatedly told to nuclear program is clearly for peaceful purposes.

The IAEA board of governors is to meet March 15 to review the situation. But following an observation the report has been for the Islamic Republic to reveal all details of its nuclear program.

The IAEA said in November that Iran had been hiding sensitive details, including the catching of small amounts of uranium and plutonium, for 18 years.

In Berlin Thursday U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton said: "The evidence is clear. There's no doubt that Iran has been running a nuclear program."

"We'll be looking as closely as what to do about Iran," he said, adding that the next step could be taken in cooperation with Britain, France and Germany, the

first countries which were an agreement in October to work closely on its nuclear program and to suspend the enrichment of uranium.

Centrifuges are used to enrich uranium, but for nuclear reactors and for atomic bombs.

"There is no doubt we think that the case of Iran should be referred to the Security Council," Bolton said.

But in Rome, Italian Foreign Minister Romano Prodi said that the "black and white"

plan to develop nuclear weapons" and his country was willing to cooperate with Iran to achieve 90 percent of its energy needs, on a seven-day visit to the Islamic Republic, now responding to questions from reporters about Bolton's claim that Iran was pursuing a program to make atomic weapons.

Diplomats said the IAEA had not yet been able to determine if Iran had enriched uranium to produce fuel for its nuclear power.

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Twins' surgery should have been stopped, says US doctor

WASHINGTON—A surgeon involved in last year's controversial operation to join conjoined twins, Ladd and Ladd, says the operation should have been stopped when the twins' condition was discovered.

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US falling behind in stem cell research

WASHINGTON—It's official: The United States has fallen significantly behind in using the promising field of stem cell research to cure disease.

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 An outdoor fisherman takes a closer look at a catch of fish that he purchased a gift at a store around the Bataan-Chanayon Highway, Bataan, probably wondering what advice he has to take from the fish.

Anti-FPJ lawyers describe meeting as 'accidental'

MANILA CITY—The three lawyers who separately filed allegations against President Arroyo's close aide, Juan Ponce Enrile, described a meeting on Wednesday as "accidental."

But Enrile's lawyer, Zola Mera and Enrile's lawyer, said the meeting was accidental.

The three lawyers attended a press conference held at the Manila Polo Club to talk about their petition, which they separately filed with the Supreme Court.

During the press conference, they repeated accusations that the Macapagal administration and other political parties allowed their petition to be filed.

It is not at all a real problem because of the petition's not being a constitutional issue, they said.

The three lawyers also denied other parties allowed their petition to be filed.

"There is no conspiracy if any truly is involved from this, it is only a coincidence," Ponce said.

Enrile said his intention to file a petition for Ponce's disqualification on the ground of citizenship was purely for his own sake.

"We are accused of grand conspiracy. This I find as a lawyer, a lawyer's mission is to win," he said.

Enrile's lawyer, Zola Mera, said that all a Filipino citizen and character is not qualified to run.

"This is an issue of national interest. A valid legal question that all of us would like to see," he said.

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The Commission on Elections recently rejected the petition. Justice J. C. Reyes, PSC also denied Enrile's.

Coast Guard starts search for Korean

MANILA CITY—A search and rescue team of the Coast Guard started searching for a shipwrecked Korean ship on Wednesday.

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BALIKATAN '04

Palawan prepares for war games

By John R. Garcia and Elizabeth R. Fisher
 DLI Southern Luzon Bureau

PORTO PRINCIPAL CITY—Preparations for the Balikatan 2004 in Palawan have intensified. The advanced party of the United States and the Philippine Armed Forces and equipment for the Balikatan exercises arrived in various waves.

Capt. Barry P. Jones, public information officer for Balikatan, said that the equipment consisted of generators, tents, food, medical supplies, and other heavy equipment will be used for the Balikatan 2004. Jones said that the equipment will be used for the Balikatan 2004.

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(PHILIPINO DAILY INQUIRER)

Old grading system revived; 70 is passing

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The October 2001 revised grading period.

Temporary

The education secretary acknowledges the complaints from teachers that many of their students failed poorly during the first grading period because of the new grading system.

But he also clarified that the guidelines contained in the new department order were only a transitional measure to help teachers and students transition to the adjustment and that the new system would still push through.

The new system, argued last October through DepEd Order 70 and designed to supposedly "only reduce students' pressure," raised the passing grade to 75 from

70, redesigned the content of examination and decreased the pass of 75 to 80 percent.

The new grading system requires students to pass each of the four quarters of the school year instead of only the final grading period. It does even with the system of transference of the total number of points earned by a student.

Teachers had been using the transference table to convert grades from the old system to the new.

Defective, descriptive

A teacher could give a passing grade of say 75 even if the student correctly answered only one-fourth of the items in a 100-item test.

He also said the old grading system did not accurately reflect a student's competence. He described the old grading system as "defectively defective and inherently descriptive."

He told teachers to record the raw scores, total item scores at the end of the grading period, then compare them as percentages, at least 15 percent in the passing mark.

The Alliance of Concerned Teachers and the Alliance of Public Schools Teachers Association, however, have questioned the new guidelines, saying they made many students backslide.

Gradual

During a dialogue with DepEd officials last month, they accused that "hellion" of an order would fail.

Teachers said the new system would also adversely affect the chances of Grade 10 pupils and high school seniors getting into high school and college.

With the new department order, DepEd appears to have reversed a little.

When discussing guidelines on the final grading period coming from the field, the department had deemed it necessary to introduce additional guidelines to ease the transition into the new grading system, "to ease an isolated order."

Rubio has immediately imposed higher norms, the guidelines will allow the gradual raising of academic standards to the desired level," he added.

DepEd also issued up its compulsory guidelines for the content of the examination period or "intelligibility" for the teachers' use.

Guidelines

He allowed the teachers to make the rules for the final grading period according to the following:

The tests would aim for 75 percent "very hard," 50 percent "moderately difficult" and 25 percent "difficult."

The previous guidelines called for 65 percent "very hard" based on basic skills, 50 percent "moderately difficult" and 15 percent "difficult."

But DepEd stressed that transference tables would not be used to compare the final grade.

In an interview last week, he also told reporters that the DepEd wants to assist the practice of passing students to the next level regardless of their competence.

"What we're saying is teachers should pay attention to what they actually teach the students which should be the basis of exams. We're just questioning the teachers' priority from the mechanical process of giving grades because of the transference table to be using on how clearly the students are achieving the learning objectives," he said.

Be faithful, bishops tell those in love

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many whom God has made in His likeness. "Choose love in your personal life, principally the marriage. Unconditional love is really the path to true happiness," the CBCP said.

The bishops defended their stance against divorce, saying that the sacramentality of marriage demands that spouses are bound to one another "in the most durable manner." The bond of sacramental marriage lasts until the death of one of the spouses, "so that in the sacrament on the sacred bond of Jesus and the sacrament of love."

Marriage as foundation

Marriage, as the foundation of the community, is valued by the priests and bishops of churches who are God-fearing and responsible.

Like the rest of the world, couples are expected to spend Valentine's Day together. Legally a Roman Empire tradition, today, Valentine's Day was celebrated in memory of the martyrdom of St. Valentine in AD 276, who, at medieval times, came to be associated with the notion of lovers under conditions of distress.

The CBCP, however, appealed to people to use this time to concentrate themselves to devote to the sanctification of persons and the renewal of the Christian life.



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"RYSE" (Ryse) (Ryse)



"SUPER" (Super) (Super)



"TOM" (Tom) (Tom)

The Super! Manifesto for Today's Lovers

Please read this aloud in front of your Valentine date's, place your right hand on your chest and get ready to Super into your love.

WE, hopeless romantics of the new generation, challenged by the constant evolution of romance, solemnly pledge to abide by the Super! Modern Lovers Manifesto. Through these guidelines, we aspire to establish protocol for courtship, dating and mating in this what-been-thank-you-mai-am/sirs.

The three pillars are as follows: Tayo Ba? Tayo Mai Tayo Mai

Tayo Ba? The Courtship Stage

Prior to initiating contact in a public venue, I will make an objective assessment of my personal self-worth, unwavering by my mother's opinion, to determine whether I stand a chance.



"LIT" (Lit) (Lit)



"LIL" (Lil) (Lil)



"HAI" (Hai) (Hai)



"SHON" (Shon) (Shon)



"SHON" (Shon) (Shon)

Flirting shall take place only when I am sincere, and not just to amuse myself. I will ask for your number only if I intend to actually call you.

The number of people who have shared your bed is your secret and yours alone. I hope you would be so kind as to reciprocate the sensitivity.

Tayo Mai The Dating Stage

Going through your cell phone inbox, Outbox and Call Register for recent correspondence with exes is a crime.

I understand that "sweetie," "honey" and "babe," in slangage, are all synonymous of "buddy."

Understanding the protocol of emotionally-charged texts, my last one for the day won't be just a "K." It must be, I will at least, affix a smiley.

I will not talk about my exes for more than five minutes. I will instead focus on the promise of ours.

Physical fitness shall remain a priority, regardless of our dating bliss. Dr. Atkins will be the ever-constant, silent but powerful third force in our relationship.



"HONG" (Hong) (Hong)

Tayo Mai The Mating Stage

Fourth base always comes after first, second and third. Because I am not a missionary, I will find other ways to spread my faith.

After every kiss, I will look you in the eye and whisper, "Love to 'til" All this I swear to you, my love, my honey bunny, my preciousness, my little pony, my fair lady, my chérie amour, my paw la da, my Mai Cusanggo, my Magic Kitchie.

In Trust we trust.



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"FLAME" (Flame) (Flame)



"WE" (We) (We)



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